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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### BARBADOS.

*Report from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, October 31:

Week ended October 31. Eleven vessels were inspected, of which 2 were fumigated. Number of passengers inspected 188; members of crews 489. The sanitary condition of this port remains good, no quarantinable diseases having been reported for the port or island for the week.

### BELGIUM.

*Report from Antwerp—Measures to prevent propagation of cholera by Russian emigrants in transit to the United States.*

The following is received from Consul-General Dietrich, under date of October 20:

Every precaution is being taken by the authorities in Belgium to prevent the propagation of cholera by Russian emigrants passing through this seaport on their way to the United States. The Russian Government is obliged, by special agreement made in recent years, to continuously report to the German authorities whenever and wherever there is an outbreak of cholera within its territory. The officials of the German Government and the Prussian railways provide for measures of the utmost vigilance on the Russian border and for careful inspection of every emigrant on his way to a continental seaport.

On arriving at Antwerp all Russian emigrants are at present detained for five days. Before they are allowed to enter the city and repair to their lodging houses they are scrupulously examined by physicians appointed by the Belgian Government. When the five days of quarantine are over, the Russian emigrants are again inspected with the other steerage passengers and then allowed to go on board the steamship.

### BRAZIL.

*Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessel—Mortality—Plague and smallpox—Summary of smallpox, January 1–October 11—Plague in State of Maranhao.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, October 9, 16, and 21:

Week ended October 4. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: September 26 the British steamship *Norman Prince*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; September 30 the British steamship *Kirkby*, for Port Tampa, Fla., in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; September 29 the British steamship *Toftwood* for New

Orleans, with cargo of coffee, no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; September 30 the British steamship *Castillian Prince*, for New Orleans, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; on the same date the British steamship *Ethelstan*, for Tybee Roads, Ga., in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in personnel; October 3 the British steamship *Canterbury*, for some Southern port in water ballast with no passengers and no change in the personnel; October 2 the British steamship *Hoyle Bank* for some Southern port in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel, and October 3 the Norwegian steamship *Heimdal* for some Southern port, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew in this port.

No other vessels requiring inspection left this port during the week under report.

Week ended October 11: October 6, the British steamship *Byron*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 26 cabin and 4 steerage passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; October 7, the British steamship *Brookwood*, in water ballast, for some southern port, with no passengers and no change in the crew; October 8, the Italian bark *Maria de Bilboa*, for Brunswick, in stone and sand ballast, with no passengers and no change in crew; on the same date, the British steamship *Multhy*, for some southern port, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; October 10, the British steamship *Cameron*, for some southern port, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; and October 9, the Portuguese bark *Soares da Costa*, for New Orleans, in stone and sand ballast, with no passengers and 3 new members of her crew taken on in this port.

Week ended October 18: October 13, the British steamship *Cavour*, for New Orleans, in cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew; October 14, the British steamship *Ocean Prince*, for New Orleans, in cargo of coffee, no passengers and 2 new members of the crew signed on here; on the same date, the British steamship *Barkston*, for Pensacola, in water ballast, with no passengers and with no change in personnel; October 16, the Italian bark *Vandura*, for Pensacola, in stone and sand ballast, with no passengers, and with 10 new members of the crew signed on in this port. No other vessels requiring inspection left during the week.

*Mortality in city of Rio de Janeiro.*—Week ended October 4. Total census population, 1907, 628,675. Total deaths, 534. Plague caused 2 deaths, with 10 new reported cases; smallpox, 262 deaths, with 585 new reported cases, of which number 165 were in the suburban zone of the city. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 414 cases of smallpox and 6 of plague; in the Hospital de Engenho de Dentro, 197 cases of smallpox, and in the Hospital Paula Candido, 174 convalescents from smallpox.

Week ended October 11. Total deaths, 529. No cases nor deaths due to yellow fever. Plague caused 3 deaths, with 6 new reported cases. Smallpox caused 227 deaths, with 418 new reported cases, of which number 124 were in the suburban zone. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 336 cases of smallpox, and 8 cases of plague under treatment. In the Hospital Engenho de Dentro, 156 cases of smallpox. In the Hospital Paulo Candido, 202 convalescent cases of smallpox.

Week ended October 18. Total deaths during the week, 459. Yellow fever caused no deaths nor were there any cases reported.

Plague caused 2 deaths with 5 new reported cases, and smallpox caused 163 deaths with 417 new reported cases, of which number 147 were in the suburban district. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 305 cases of smallpox and 7 cases of plague; in the Hospital Engenho de Dentro, 166 cases of smallpox under treatment; in the Hospital Paulo Candido, 235 convalescent cases of smallpox. The epidemic seems to be slowly abating.

*Summary of smallpox in Rio de Janeiro.*

Week.	Cases.	Deaths.
September 6.....	700	290
September 13.....	686	278
September 20.....	715	296
September 27.....	564	291
October 4.....	585	262
October 11.....	418	227
Total.....	3,668	1,644

Total number of deaths from smallpox from January 1, 1908, to date, 5,263; total deaths during same period from all causes including smallpox, 16,049.

*Bubonic plague in State of Maranhao, Brazil.*

Telegraphic despatches of October 20 announce that the government of the State of Maranhao proposes to undertake measures to check the spread of plague in that State.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

*Report from Belize, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports:

Week ended October 31. Present officially estimated population, 10,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Oct. 30	Belize.....	Mobile.....	17	7	0
30	Preston.....	New Orleans.....	35	3	8
31	Frutera.....	New York via Central American ports.	25	0	0

CANADA.

*Report from Kingston—Mild epidemic of smallpox prevailing.*

Consul Van Sant reports, November 10:

A mild epidemic of smallpox prevails at Kingston. There are 23 cases in the isolation hospital and about 10 cases under quarantine in